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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MPOL, EG, LY
SUBJECT: MILITARY EXERCISE SPLASHED BY PRESS

1. RONT PAGES CAIRO DAILIES APRIL 19 DOMINATED BY PHOTO-
GRAPHS EGYPTIAN MIRAGES ENGAGED IN LIVE AMMUNITION EXERCISE
PREVIOUS DAY, WITH MINWAR GAMASY IN ATTENDANCE. "UNIQUE
EXERCISE" BY EGYPTIAN PILOTS IN THEIR FRENCH PLANES OCCURRED
"SOMEWHERE ON THE FRONT."

2. GAMASY WAS QUOTED AS EMPHASIZING TO HIS OFFICERS
IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING, SAYING IMPROVED TRAINING AND
EQUIPMENT ALREADY AVAILABLE "ARE ALL WE HAVE."

3. COMMENT: GAMASY TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 19 THAT SPLASHY
PRESS TREATMENT OF EXERCISE HAD BEEN SURPRISE TO HIM.
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HE PRESUMED MFA MUST HAVE ORDERED IT. WHEN AMB. ASKED IF
IT MIGHT BE INTENDED AS SIGNAL TO TRIPOLI, GAMASY AGREED
THIS MIGHT BE EXPLANATION. (EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER READERS
WILL CERTAINLY VIEW EXTRAORDINARY PRESS COVERAGE IN THIS
LIGHT, GIVEN CURRENT GOE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST QADHAFI.)

4. GAMASY VOLUNTEERED HE PREPARED DEPART TO ATTEND ANOTHER

MILITARY EXERCISE, BUT, ALTHOUGH HE ALREADY THREE HOURS
LATE, DID NOT SEEM EAGER SHORTEN MEETING. AMBASSADOR
DETECTED NO SENSE OF URGENCY OR EXCITEMENT AT WAR MINISTRY.

5. GAMASY'S REMARK TO AIR FORCE OFFICERS ON IMPORTANCE
TRAINING ON EQUIPMENT ALREADY IN HAND MIGHT HAVE BEEN
INTENDED AS HINT THEY SHOULD NOT PIN THEIR HOPES ON RECEIVING
F-5'S.
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